

**CALIFORNIA HIGH-SPEED RAIL AUTHORITY
MEETING MINUTES**

**OCTOBER 21, 1998
OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA**

The meeting of the California High-Speed Rail Authority was called to order at 9:10 a.m. on October 21, 1998 at the Oakland Marriott, Oakland California.

The Authority Members attendance was as follows:

Members Present: Michael Tennenbaum, Chairman
 Edward Graveline, Vice Chairman
 Jerry Epstein
 John Fowler
 William Leonard
 Dr. Ernest Bates
 T.J. Stapleton

Members Absent: Dean Florez

1. GENERAL MATTERS

1.1 Approval of Minutes for September 16, 1998 Meeting.

Vice Chairman Graveline presented the minutes for approval. Member Epstein moved to approve the minutes. Member Bates seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Member Florez was absent).

1.2 Members Report

Members Leonard suggested the Authority arrange a meeting with the Governor-Elect before he takes office to discuss the Authority's concerns regarding high-speed rails role in transportation. Executive Director Morshed stated that he would follow up on this matter.

1.3 Executive Director Report

Off-Site Meeting - Executive Director Morshed discussed the two day off-site meeting with HSR contractors and subcontractors in Los Angeles.

Cambridge Systematics - Executive Director Morshed reported he has requested Steve Pickrell, Cambridge Sysematics, to submit a proposal for preparing a detailed schedule for 1999 and the compilation and preparation of the finished business plan.

Advisory Group - Executive Director Morshed announced HSR was entering into an agreement with Joanne Kozberg to finalize the Advisory Board list, contact individuals and ultimately form the Advisory Board.

Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) – Executive Director Morshed stated that a number of discussions have been conducted with SCAG relative to the Federal Railroad Application.

Europe Site Visit – Executive Director Morshed stated the trip to Europe is almost completely finalized. He reminds the authority that since all members will be attending, the public is welcome to attend any and all meetings, but are responsible for their own transportation to the meeting.

Legislation – SB 1637 was signed and passed by the Governor which makes some minor changes to the HSR charter. One change is a clarification that the Authority is the only institute in the State of California that has the responsibility to plan and implement a High Speed Train system exceeding 100 miles an hour. The second item is the Authority has the responsibility for inner city rail planning beyond just the high speed that covers the system plan. And the third item extends the sunset date to June 30, 2001. And that is primarily to allow the Authority to close the books if no financing is available.

1.4 Authority Members Meetings for Compensation

Vice Chairman Graveline presented the List of Meetings for Compensation for approval. Member Bates moved to approve the List. Member Fowler seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Member Florez was absent).

1.5 Meeting Schedule

Vice Chairman Graveline presented the meeting schedule for approval. Chairman Tennenbaum moved to approve the schedule. Member Epstein seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Member Florez absent).

1.6 FRA Application

Executive Director Morshed presented a brief history of the FRA grant for Maglev deployment.

Vice Chairman Graveline presented his views on the FRA Grant application and the Authority's relationship with SCAG.

Member Epstein moved that the Authority move ahead with the application for the FRA, with the caveats that SCAG will not be given any special treatment and to the extent possible the Authority would use existing contractors to do the additional work. Member Stapleton seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Member Florez absent).

1.7 Consolidated Work Plan

Covered during Executive Director's Report.

2. BUSINESS MATTERS

2.1 Approval of Corridor Evaluation Workplan

Vice Chairman presented Corridor Evaluation Workplan for approval. Member Epstein moved to approve the Workplan. Member Bates seconded the motion which carried 7-0 (Member Florez was absent).

3. ISSUES IDENTIFICATION WORKSHOP

3.1 Parsons Brinkerhoff

Kip Field, Parsons Brinkerhoff, presented the corridors evaluated and to be evaluated. Mr. Field's presentation is available upon request.

3.2 Charles River Associates

Dan Brand, Charles River Associates, presented ridership/revenue estimates and future alignments. Mr. Brand's presentation is available upon request.

3.3 Public Financial Management, Inc.

Keith Curry, Public Financial Management, Inc., presented the financing plan. Mr. Curry's presentation is available upon request.

3.4 Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP

Geoffrey Yarama, Nossaman, Guthner, Knox & Elliott, LLP, presented the environmental and institutional constraints and plans. Mr. Yarema's presentation is available upon request.

3.5 Halger Bailly

Dick Mudge, Halger Bailly, presented the economic impacts. Mr. Mudge's presentation is available upon request.

3.6 Major Issues for the Business Plan

Executive Director Morshed discussed the following items:

- Technology Selection
- Corridors and Station Locations
- System Integration
- Financing Plan
- Institutional and Contracting Arrangements